

Council	Agenda Item 23(7)
19 th July 2018	Brighton & Hove City Council

NOTICE OF MOTION

SUSSEX IFCA: INSHORE TRAWLING AND FISHING

CONSERVATIVE GROUP AMENDMENT

That the motion be amended to delete the words as struck through and insert those shown in ***bold italic***.

This Council notes the importance of the marine environment to the city and to the city's tourism economy, ***and wishes to champion the many local fishing businesses that contribute to its success. Mindful of the potential*** ~~and is very concerned at the damage that the fishing methods of 'netting' and trawling~~ ***can*** causes to ~~a our~~ marine environment ***if not carried out responsibly and to ensure that dredging and the emptying of silt is conducted in a manner not to affect fish breeding grounds, this Council is keen to avoid there being a chance of,*** ~~contributing to a decline in fish~~ ***stocks*** and the ecosystem ~~generally present in Sussex waters.~~

As part of our commitment to maintain a 'Living Coast' and UNESCO Biosphere, this Council resolves to request the Chief Executive to write to the SIFCA Chief Fisheries and Conservation Officer ***and Director of Operations at the Marine Management Organisation***, asking for:

- (a) ***An assurance that industry has been adequately consulted to date*** ~~changes to trawling management that respond positively to suggestions in the SIFCA consultation paper, including creating trawling exclusion areas in nearshore waters of Sussex;~~
- (b) ***A pledge that any proposed changes to netting and trawling practices in Sussex will be based on scientific evidence;*** ~~changes to how 'netting' is managed, in line with the suggestions of SIFCA, including netting controls all year round and the of fisheries 'zones'~~
- (c) ***A commitment that any proposed changes will bolster, not damage, the city's thriving fishing industry.***

Proposed by: Cllr Nemeth

Seconded by: Cllr Bell

Recommendation if carried to read:

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